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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: AYACUCHO SESQUICENTENNIAL DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT  
FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS

FOLLOWING IS A DRAFT STATEMENT FOR POSSIBLE USE BY ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY ROGERS UPON ARRIVAL AT LIMA:

QTE. I FEEL EXTRAORDINARILY HONORED TO REPRESENT THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE AT THE CEREMONIES MARKING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
BATTLE OF AYACUCHO, HWERE THE INDEPENDENT COURSE OF SOUTH AMERICA  
WAS SEALED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, HWERE PERU AND ITS BOLIVARIAN  
AND SAN MARTINIAN ALLIES FOUGHT TOGETHER FOR CONTINENTAL INDEPENDENCE  
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TODAY, I COME TO A PERU ENGAGED ONCE AGAIN IN A RENOWED EFFORT  
TO SHARE MORE EQUITABLY THE BENEFITS OF NATIONHOOD AND PROGRESS  
WITH ALL ITS PEOPLE. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SYMPATHIZE WITH  
THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT'S AIMS OF SECURING ECONOMIC AND  
SOCIAL PROGRESS FOR ALL PERUVIANS, AND OF BUILDING A JUST  
SOCIETY IN WHICH ALL PERUVIANS WILL BE HEARD.

PERU IS EXPERIMENTING WITH NEW WAYS OF BUILDING A BETTER  
SOCIETY. CHANGE IS A PERMANENT PROCESS, WHETHER IN THE WORLD,  
IN MY COUNTRY, OR IN PERU. AT A TIME WHEN A NEW SPIRIT INFUSES  
INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, THE UNITED STATES IS DETERMINED TO  
RESPECT MORE THAN EVER THE RIGHT OF EACH NATION TO ORGANIZE ITS  
SOCIETY IN ITS OWN, OFTEN UNIQUE WAY. AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF  
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STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, I CAN STATE CATEGORICALLY

THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL RESPECT THAT SACRED RIGHT OF INDEPENDENT CHOICE, WHETHER IN PERU OR ELSEWHERE. OUR POLICY TOWARD PERU IS ONE OF COOPERATION -- COOPERATION WITHOUT INTERVENTION AND WITH COMPLETE RESPECT FOR THIS COUNTRY'S SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONAL DIGNITY.

PERU TODAY IS DYNAMIC LEADER OF WORLD OPINION. ITS TROOPS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ITS VOICE IS LISTENED TO IN WORLD FORUMS. THE UNITED STATES SHARES PERU'S CONCERN FOR WORLD PEACE AND PROGRESS AND WILL CONTINUE SEEKING PERU'S COUNSEL AND ASSISTANCE SO THAT WE MAY FURTHER SHARE INTERNATIONAL GOALS.

THE UNITED STATES AND PERU HAVE HAD THEIR DIFFERENCES. WE HAVE SAT DOWN TOGETHER AND RESOLVED THESE DIFFERENCES. AS RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, WE AIR OUR PROBLEMS AND WE RESOLVE THEM. OUR RELATIONS MATURE; OUR FRIENDSHIP IS STRENGTHENED.

IT IS GOOD TO RETURN TO PERU. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING PRESIDENT JUAN VELASCO ALVARADO, THE LEADER OF A HARD-WORKING PEOPLE WITH A GLORIOUS HISTORY, AND TO RENEW MY FREINDSHIP WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MIGUEL ANGEL DE LA FLOR. IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE IN THE CITY OF KINGS, AND TO HELP COMMEMORATE THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE EPIC BATTLE OF AYACUCHO, WHERE MEN FOUGHT FOR THE NOBLEST OF CAUSES - - THOSE OF FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY. END QTE.  
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